



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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KEITH JONES, DIRECTOR

Date: January 28, 2019

System No. 3301990

Amezcua Garcia Water  
Attn: Oscar Amezcua  
P.O. Box 110  
Thermal, CA 92274

Enclosed is Citation No. 05\_63\_19C\_003 issued to Amezcua Garcia Water.

Any person who is aggrieved by a Citation issued by the Riverside County LPA may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the Citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Riverside County LPA mails or serves a copy of the Citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones  
Environmental Health Specialist

RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**Name of Public Water System:** Amezcua Garcia Water

**Water System No:** 3301990

**Attention:** Oscar Amezcua  
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Thermal, CA 92274

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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a) (1)  
AND  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64423**

**TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING VIOLATION**

**June 2018**

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (hereinafter "Riverside County"), acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to issue a citation to a public water system when Riverside County determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking

1 Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12,  
2 Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard,  
3 permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

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5 Riverside County acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State  
6 Water Board, hereby issues Citation No. 05\_63\_19C\_003 (hereinafter  
7 "Citation"), pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to Amezcua Garcia  
8 Water (hereinafter "Amezcua"), for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a) (1)  
9 and California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Title 22, Section  
10 64423.

#### 11 12 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

13 Amezcua Garcia Water is classified as a Community public water system with  
14 a population of approximately 316 serving 113 connections.

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16 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with  
17 primary drinking water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c).  
18 Primary drinking water standards include maximum levels of contaminants  
19 and the monitoring and reporting requirements as specified in regulations  
20 adopted by the State Water Board that pertain to maximum contaminant  
21 levels.

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23 CCR, Title 22, Section 64421(a)(2) states that each water supplier shall  
24 collect routine, repeat and replacement samples as required in Sections  
25 64423, 64424 and 64425. Section 64423 states that a water supplier shall  
26 collect routine bacteriological water samples based on the known population  
27 served or the total number of service connections, whichever results in the

1 greater number of samples. As per Table 64423-A, Amezcua Garcia Water  
2 must collect a minimum of one bacteriological sample per month.

3 As of the date of this Citation, Riverside County received no routine results for  
4 routine bacteriological sample(s) taken during June 2018.

### 5 6 **DETERMINATION**

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8 In accordance with CCR, Title 22, Section 64423, Amezcua Garcia Water was  
9 required to collect one bacteriological sample during June 2018. Therefore,  
10 Riverside County has determined that Amezcua has failed to comply with  
11 drinking water standards pursuant to CHSC, Section 116555(a) (1) and CCR,  
12 Title 22, Section 64423 during June 2018.

### 13 14 **DIRECTIVES**

15 Amezcua is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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17 1. On or before **March 1, 2019**, notify all persons served by Amezcua of  
18 the violation of CCR, Title 22, Section 64423, in conformance with  
19 Sections 64463.4(b) and (c) and 64465. Attachment 1: Notification  
20 Template shall be used to fulfill this Directive, unless otherwise  
21 approved by Riverside County.

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23 The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:

- 24 • By mail or direct delivery of the Public Notification to each customer  
25 served by the water system and;  
26 • By one of the following secondary methods to reach persons not  
27 likely to be reached by mail or direct delivery;
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➤ By publication in a local newspaper, by delivery to community organizations or by posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system or on the internet. If the water system opts to issue the notice via internet website, the public notice shall remain posted for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days.

2. Complete the attached Compliance Certification Form (Attachment 2). Submit it together with a copy of the public notification required by Directive 1 to Riverside County on or before **March 15, 2019**.
3. Amezcua shall include this violation in the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report in accordance with CCR, Title 22, Section 64481(g)(1).

All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the following address or electronically to [jaiones@rivco.org](mailto:jaiones@rivco.org).

Department of Environmental Health  
Attn: Jackie Jones  
47-950 Arabia St, Ste A  
Indio, CA 92201

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves Amezcua of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter

1 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or  
2 order issued or adopted thereunder.

### 3 **PARTIES BOUND**

4 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon Amezcua Garcia Water, its  
5 owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors,  
6 successors, and assignees.

### 8 **SEVERABILITY**

9 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Amezcua Garcia Water shall  
10 comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the  
11 effectiveness of any provision.

### 13 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

14 The California SDWA authorizes Riverside County Department of  
15 Environmental Health, pursuant to authority delegated by the State Water  
16 Board, to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties  
17 to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the  
18 requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard,  
19 citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to,  
20 failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order.  
21 Pursuant to its delegated authority, the California SDWA also authorizes  
22 Riverside County Department of Environmental Health to take action to  
23 suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if  
24 the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed  
25 to comply with a citation or order of the Riverside County Department of  
26 Environmental Health, and to petition the superior court to take various  
27 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to  
28 comply with a citation or order of the Riverside County Department of

1 Environmental Health. The Riverside County Department of Environmental  
2 Health does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this  
3 Citation.

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6 Jackie Jones

7 Jackie Jones, REHS

8 Environmental Health Specialist

1/28/2019

Date

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11 Attachments:

- 12 1. Notification Template  
13 2. Compliance Certification Form  
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16 Certified Mail No. 7007 3020 0001 6550 3498



## NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

**Bacteriological Monitoring Requirements**  
**Not Met for Amezcua Garcia Water During June 2018**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June 2018, we did not meet all monitoring requirements for coliform bacteria and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What should I do?**

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during June 2018, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Required sampling frequency</b>	<b>Number of samples taken</b>	<b>When all samples should have been taken</b>	<b>When samples were taken</b>
Bacteria	One sample per month	0	June 2018	July 2018.

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

The June 2018 bacteria sample was not taken from the distribution system. It was overlooked by the certified water operator.



We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.

For more information, please contact:

Chad Finch at (760) 834-5513.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Amezcua Garcia Water in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

State Water System ID: Amezcua Garcia Water. Date distributed:

## COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

**Citation Number:** 05\_63\_19C\_003

**Name of Water System:** Amezcua Garcia Water

**System Number:** 3301990

### Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the bacteriological monitoring violation of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64424(a), (b) and (d) for the compliance period of June 2018 and the required actions listed below were completed.

Required Action	Date Completed
(Citation Directive 1) Public Notification Method(s) Used: _____	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attach a copy of the public notice distributed to the water system's customers**

<b>THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, NO LATER THAN March 15, 2019.</b>
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**Disclosure:** Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 116725 and 116730 state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act may be liable for, respectively, a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation or, for continuing violations, for each day that violation continues, or be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.